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TO: Mayor Ekberg
Councilmembers

FROM: David Cline, City Administrator

DATE: April 27, 2016

SUBJECT: Report for May 2, 2016 Regular Council Meeting

The City Administrator Report is meant to provide the Council, staff and community an update on the activities of the City and on issues that concern Tukwila. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information about any of the following items.

I. Intergovernmental Update

- **Meeting with Highline College:** Mayor Ekberg, Evie Boykan, Human Services Manager, Joyce Trantina, Project Development Manager and Dr. Gregory King, Assistant Superintendent of the Tukwila School District, met with President Jack Bermingham, Charis Hnin and Jeff Wagnitz from Highline College to learn more about Highline's programs and brainstorm opportunities to work together to effect positive outcomes for Tukwila students.
- **Meeting with King County Housing Authority:** Mayor Ekberg, City Administrator David Cline, Economic Development Administrator Derek Speck and Human Services Program Manager Evie Boykan met with Stephen Norman, Executive Director of the King County Housing Authority and discussed affordable housing.
- **Renton Technical Advisory Committee:** Project Development Manager Joyce Trantina attended the Renton Technical Advisory Committee meeting, and hosted Virginia Williams and an associate from Siemens who shared their views regarding industry trends and workforce development challenges.

II. Community Events

- **Duwamish Alive! Event:** On April 16 DCD staff volunteered along with 130 other enthusiastic volunteers from Tukwila Elementary, Showalter Middle School, Eddie Bauer, Unified Grocers, Boeing, Phi Theta Kappa and CH2M Hill to continue restoration work on the shoreline behind BECU. The trail edge was cleaned up and sheet mulched by Tukwila Elementary students while Showalter students helped sheet mulch other areas of the site. Approximately 1,400 sq. ft. of blackberries were removed from the new area that is being cleared behind Yellow Truck. Approximately 600 sq. ft. was cleared to create a bee-friendly pollinator garden.
- **Family Career Night:** Staff from several City departments participated in the Family Career Night at Showalter Middle School on April 21. The event was well attended by the Tukwila

community and Human Resources was able to share many of the City's job opportunities with interested citizens.

- **All Voices Heard**: Police Department staff attended the *All Voices Heard* event at Showalter Middle School, a "Questions & Answers" session with the English Language Learners (ELL) families from the school district. There were concerns expressed about before and after school safety in areas surrounding Tukwila elementary, Cascade View and Thorndyke.
- **Healthy Earth, Healthy You 5K**: The annual Healthy Earth, Healthy You 5K Fun Run and Walk occurred on April 23. 197 people registered to participate, which included 117 participants from the Global to Local Community.
- **Spokes for Folks**: The Senior Housing Assistance Group (SHAG) is holding their annual Spokes for Folks bike ride and run/walk on June 4. The event starts and ends at the Tukwila Community Center and travels along the Green River and Interurban trails. More information and registration at: www.shag.org/s4f.

III. Staff Updates

Project Updates

- **TIB Redevelopment – Motel Demolition**: Seattle City Light removed all remaining power connections at the Motel Demolition sites and buildings have been demolished. The contractor continues with the pavement and foundation demolition and restoration work will occur after April 30. The project is expected to be totally complete by mid-June.
- **Strander Blvd Phase 3 Early Start**: On April 22 staff gave the final presentation to the Puget Sound Regional Council for regional federal funding. Scoring should be available in the near future. Grant applications for federal FASTLANE and TIGER FY 2016 funds have been submitted.
- **53rd Ave S**: Staff sent out a response sheet to all properties adjacent to 53rd Ave S and within the project limits. Property owners have been in contact with City staff to discuss details related to the options presented. The options include either constructing all improvements within the existing 40 foot right-of-way or include a 5 foot planter strip with right-of-way donations.
- **TUC Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge**: The Army Corps of Engineers levee modification permit has been issued and a WSDOT right-of-way acquisition compliance letter has been issued. These clear the way for bid advertisement for four weeks from April 26 through the bid opening date on May 24.
- **S 144th St Phase II**: Final coordination with Seattle City Light, King County Library System and the Tukwila Village site developer is near completion. Ad date expected late April to early May.
- **Tukwila Village**: King County Library System continues construction on the new library, estimated to be open to the public in late 2016. Tukwila Village Development Associates continues site work on the property north of 144th. The City has approved building permits for buildings A, C, and E. City is awaiting developer response to comments on the permit application for building D. Developer will submit permit application for building B at a future

time. City and developer expect to close escrow on the land sale for the first phase in summer 2016. Developer estimates first buildings will open in late 2017.

- **Tour of HealthPoint Facility**: Mayor Ekberg, David Cline, City Administrator, Derek Speck, Economic Development Administrator and Joyce Trantina, Project Development Manager, toured HealthPoint's new Midway medical and dental clinic.
- **New Park Rules Signs**: Parks maintenance has installed several "Park Rules" signs around City parks that communicate user expectations and will allow police to issue citations for violations, when necessary.